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SUBJECT: Statement of President Arroyo regarding the Virginia Tech killings

11. Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on April 18 issued the following statement regarding the tragic deaths at Virginia Tech University:

Quote

We are one with the world in condoling with the victims of the

senseless killings in Virginia Tech University.

The unfortunate incident magnifies the need to keep all campuses safe and secure at all times as sanctuaries of learning for the youth.

We offer prayers and sympathies to the grieving families, students, staff and faculty of Virginia Tech University, and to the people of the United States during this difficult time. End quote

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